MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

$100,000,000 in Assets

After 132 long years, KJT has reached the $100 million in assets! While small in insurance company standards, KJT continues to offer the same safety and security for the protection of your families as it has since its beginnings in 1889.

The financials for the second quarter of the year can be found on page 8 of this issue. Through the second quarter of 2021, KJT’s assets now sit at $100,444,908 with liabilities at $93,800,214. Net income through the first two quarters of the year is $129,578 which helped increase surplus to $6.644 million.

13th Annual Central Zone KJT Golf Tournament

At this time, we are planning on holding the tournament. We continue to monitor Covid 19 and it looks like this latest variant is beginning to cool off as we are seeing the numbers of cases heading downward once again. So golfers… dust off your clubs and get ready to join us for our annual golf tournament in Flatonia (1245 Hwy 90 East) on October 2nd. More information on the course is available at www.flatoniagolf.com. The tournament will benefit Kids Unlimited Foundation. Kids Unlimited is a non-profit organization formed to benefit children stricken with cancer.

We will play a 4-person scramble format at $320 per team which includes mulligans. At least one person on the team must be a KJT member. There will be prizes for longest drive, longest putt, and closest to the pin. In addition, we will have a cut the card raffle once again for nice raffle prizes to raise even more for Kids Unlimited. Carts will need to be paid for separately at the clubhouse. We have plenty of openings for teams so be sure to give us a call to sign up. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

KJT State Family Day

KJT State Family Day was held on July 18, 2021 at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Plum. We had a nice crowd join us for the gathering. The day started with a Mass in the church celebrated by State Spiritual Director, Fr. Bob Knippenberg and afterward, everyone enjoyed a day of visiting and a great meal. As always, everyone enjoyed the attendance prize drawings that were given throughout the day. I would like to give a special thanks to our Home Office Staff and Board of directors and all of the spouses for hosting the day and making it a success. Photos from the event can be seen on page 5 of the news.

In Memoriam

This past month, KJT has lost two of its long-time insurance representatives. Clement Korenek of Society #34, Nada, passed away on August 28, 2021, and Kathleen Chovanetz of Society #43, Wied, passed away on September 4, 2021. Both were very active in KJT and in their local parishes and communities. They will certainly be missed by all. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

George W. Kitchin, rev. Michael R. Newbolt; Music: Sydney H. Nicholson © 1974 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved.

This is the refrain of one of my favorite hymns and it is most appropriate we talk about the Cross in the month of September since September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Emperor Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium, in the square between the two churches, a shrine, Calvary, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 334, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher was built by the Crusaders in 1149. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross also commemorates the discovery of the Lord’s cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320. Relics of the True Cross were sent to Rome by St. Helena where they arrived on September 14 and now reside in the Church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:5-11).

All this because of a cross? So, how much do we embrace our crosses? How much do we “exalt” in our crosses? Do we carry our crosses so we can unite them with Jesus at Calvary? Or do we throw our crosses down and claim that sin is not sin? Do we seek the viewpoint of the world instead of the faith of the Lord’s? Yes, indeed, “lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His Sacred Name”!

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

Society #100 Presents Scholarships

St. Benedict Society #100 of St. Mary’s Our Lady of Lourdes in Caldwell presented two scholarships to graduating seniors. Priscilla Olivarez and Ryan Broaddus are pictured with Fr. Melvin Dornak. Priscilla will be attend the University of Texas in Austin and Ryan will be attending Blinn College in Bryan. Society #100 members wish them success in their future studies.

Society #3 Presents Checks to Hostyn Youth

Hostyn KJT Society #3 Officers presented checks to the Hostyn Youth. These checks were given to the youth for their efforts in helping the society sell tickets for the Hostyn KJT annual drive thru fundraiser and the bake sale held on the youth’s behalf. Additionally, a check representing matching funds in the amount of $400 from the KJT Home Office was presented. Pictured in the presentation L-R: Marissa Muras, KJT Secretary Joyce Muras, Fr. Felix Twumasi, KJT President Shannon Fietsam, Youth Director Donna Janda, KJT Vice-President Benedict Kallus, Brooke Redding, KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, and KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus.
MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTIVITY MANAGER

“THANK YOU” to everyone who organizes, promotes, and works the National Polka Festival in Ennis. Thank you also to the festival committee and KJT Society #35 for all the wonderful hospitality!

I also send a Big TEXAS SIZE “THANK YOU” to KJT Society #40 for all their hard work and great hospitality during their annual Klobase Kolache Festival!

On July 4th, I attended the celebration & festivities in Round Top for the 4th of July celebration. The day started with a parade of over 100 entries. For a small town of 93 this is really amazing. After the parade, there was delicious BBQ, great music, and plenty of cold refreshments. KJT Society #119 held their Flag Day event by passing out flags to everyone.

July 18 was State Family Day which was held in Plum this year. It’s always a great day when you begin with Holy Mass. Thank you Fr. Bob for rearranging your schedule to provide us with the spiritual guidance. The day continued with a delicious meal prepared by State Director Shirley Pokorney and her team. Thank you to Shirley and her team. Also, thank you to State Director Tanner Schlottman for bringing his BBQ pit from Ennis and for preparing the delicious BBQ. After the meal, all enjoyed great fellowship, dominoes, music, and great door prizes to be won. Thank you to all the State Officers, State Directors, Office Staff, and all the spouses for all their help.

On July 24, I accompanied State President Chris Urban to Hallettsville. Chris was one of the three guest speakers at the Texas Czech Heritage State meeting. He gave a wonder speech on Czech immigration to Texas. I would love to hear it again someday, maybe at State Family Day next year.

In August, I have spent the majority time in the hay field. With all the rain we had, I’ve been running a couple of months behind. No complaint on the rain though it has been great to see all the green fields this summer.

I am not sure what the future will bring, but it is sad to see the Covid numbers beginning to rise and the cancelling of events once again. Continue to pray for an end to this virus and to bring us back to normal.

As always thank you for the opportunity to serve as State Director Pos.3 and Fraternal Activity Manager.

Welcome KJT Religious Scholarship Recipients

The KJT extends a very warm welcome to our newest KJT Religious Scholarship recipients, Shane Goertz and Dalton Moy. Shane is attending St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston and Dalton is attending Assumption Seminary in San Antonio. Shane & Dalton join seven other KJT Religious Scholarship Recipients who happily benefit from this generous KJT Member Benefit. Congratulations to all the Seminarians.

Reminder:

Deadline to submit articles is the 10th of each month.

Articles can be emailed to media@kjtnet.org or mailed to the home office at

KJT
PO Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945
TOP PRODUCERS

Deborah Currey
Society #130, Elgin
First Place March through August
Top Producer

Herbert Brem
Society #107, Abbott
Second Place March through August
Top Producer

Lisa Alexander
Society #119, La Marque
Third Place March & April
Fourth Place May & June
Fifth Place August
Top Producer

Tanner Schlottman
Society #35, Ennis
Fourth Place March & April
Third Place May through August
Top Producer

Margaret Holik
Society #48, Hillje
Fifth Place March through May
Sixth Place June through August
Top Producer

Cynthia Nemec
Society #139, Bay City
Sixth Place March through May
Seventh Place June through August
Top Producer

W.K. Leonard, Jr
Society #119, La Marque
Seventh Place March & April
Eighth Place May through August
Top Producer

Ronald Hostas
Society #59, Seymour
Eighth Place March & April
Ninth Place May through August
Top Producer

Margaret Hanslik
Society #38, Moulton
Ninth Place March
Tenth Place April through July
Top Producer

Tommy Prasifka
Society #20, Shiner
Tenth Place March
Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky
Society #72, Corpus Christi
Ninth Place April
Seventh Place May
Fifth Place June & July
Fourth Place August
Top Producer

New Application Producer - 200 months
New Members Application - 7 months

Thomas Arellano
Society #141, Georgetown
Tenth Place August
FAMILY FUN DAY

Below are photos of members enjoying the day at the KJT State Family Fun Day.
Bishop Brendan Cahill was the celebrant at the Mass in Praha on August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the church. The bishop was accompanied by co-celebrant Father Elias Rafaj, Pastor of St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church in Irving, Texas. The Mass for the 166th Pražská Pouť (the Praha Pilgrimage) preceded the annual picnic with its myriad of festivities.

During the Mass Bishop Cahill blessed the icon of the Greek brothers Sts. Cyril and Methodius who evangelized the pagan Slavs starting with the Moravian people after first developing an alphabet to suit the Slavic language. They translated the liturgical texts, Old and New Testaments and the writings of the Fathers for use in the Liturgy, the Hours and catechesis. Their mission to the Moravians began in 863 AD at the site of Velehrad. They converted the Moravian Slavs and their disciples spread the Christian Faith to all the Slavic nations.

The icon was written (painted) by Fr. Rafaj to be used as the official image of these great saints, protectors of the newly inaugurated Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas, recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) private foundation by the IRS. The icon will accompany the activities and celebrations of the CCFT with plans for its display in one of the Czech Catholic churches when not traveling to other celebrations throughout the state. Fr. Rafaj is one of three priest-directors on the board of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas and represents the Byzantine Catholics of Texas. He is of Czech ancestry as well.

The members of the CCFT Board of Directors in attendance at the Mass were pleased to have Bishop Cahill show them the crozier he used in the Eucharistic celebration. It was one of the croziers used by the late Bishop John L. Mořkovský, the bishop of the then Diocese of Galveston-Houston until his retirement in 1985 and his subsequent death in 1990. The crozier contained a carved image of St. John Nepomucene (Sv. Jan Nepomucký). (The cross-cultural veneration of this saint of the seal of the confessional is widely venerated especially by the Hispanic Catholics of the Americas. As an example, New Mexico contains more San Juan Nepomuceno churches than the Czech Catholics of Texas. At least two in Brazil, several in Mexico, Central America, and other South American countries. Retablos [Mexican folk art “icons”] are common and a subject often chosen of the santeros, the Mexican “saint-makers”.)

Bishop Mořkovský loved all aspects of his Czech heritage (but he was a great renaissance man as well) and especially worked to perpetuate the Catholic faith expressed through the lenses of his Czech heritage.) He is surely delighted in his present home to see an organization such as the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas finally established. He was a product of Praha and was often known to express his pleasure in having been born near Praha and baptized by its pastor, Msgr. L. P. Netardus.
Catholic School Tuition Grant Recipients

The Catholic Union of Texas continues to offer the Catholic School Tuition Grants to assist in obtaining an excellent education from a Catholic school or Catholic accredited homeschool! The Catholic school tuition program awards a maximum of 100 grants of $150 each to students chosen through a random selection process. The student applying for the grant must be a life insurance member of the KJT and in grades K – 11.

Society #3, Hostyn
Anthony Janda
Brielle Goedrich
Dillon Goedrich
Luke Goedrich
Kenlie Kallus
Kirtley Kallus
Krislee Kallus

Society #4, Ammannsville
Emileigh Divin
Noah Heger
Natalie Osina
Hadley Wick
Alyssa Zbranek
Kasen Zbranek
Tenley Zbranek

Society #13, Yoakum
Audrey Belicek
Gregory Belicek
Lilliciana Bludau

Society #20, Shiner
Adaline Appelt
Gabriel “Gabe” Darilek
Julia Machacek
Sally Machacek
Faith Machart
Cody Malinovsky
Evelyn Picha
Jacey Picha
Stefany Pokluda

Society #28, Granger
Tatym Huf
Daniel Pekar
Thomas Pekar

Society #31, West
Isabella Kidwell

Society #43, Wied
Natalie Motal
Easton Olivarez
Lacie Olivarez

Society #46, La Grange
Sophie Janda

Society #48, Hillje
Kole Townsend

Society #71, Ganado
Bella Kallus
Gabriel Kallus
Gianna Kallus
Xavier Kallus

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Bram Rodrigue
Luna Rodrigue

Society #80, Sealy
Myah Kuenstler

Society #84, El Campo
Addelyn Leopold
Brooklyn Leopold
Elizabeth Leopold
Kyle Leopold

Society #111, Dallas
Jayc Roberts

Society #112, Austin
Aiden Adams
William Adams
Renae Friesenhahn
Katherine Hyzak
Matthew Hyzak
Sophia Hyzak

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch
Jack Okruhlik
Kyle Okruhlik

Society #129, Schulenburg
Laine Measom
Parker Measom

Society #132, Pflugerville
Clara Hudson
Ephraim Hudson

If you would like to take part in the ScriptSave program and you don’t have your original card that was sent out at the inception of the program, you can contact us at info@kjtnet.org or you can call the office at 800.245.8182 to get your discount card. Additionally, you can go to www.kjtnet.org to download your card. All household members of a KJT member may take part in the program.
### Statement of Financial Condition

**For Quarters Ended June 30**

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**Benefits and Expenses**

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**Net Gain (Loss) From Operations Before Refunds**

| Net Gain (Loss) From Operations Before Refunds | 2021 $164,317 | 2020 $237,036 |
| Refunds to Members                          | 1,320        | 51,391      |
| **Net Gain (Loss) From Operations After Refunds** | 2021 $162,997 | 2020 $185,645 |

**Net Income**

| Net Income | 2021 $162,997 | 2020 $546,673 |

**Surplus**

| Surplus | 2021 $162,997 | 2020 $546,673 |

**Increase in Net Unrealized Capital Gains (Losses)**

| Increase in Net Unrealized Capital Gains (Losses) | 2021 (4,305) | 2020 (6,496) |

**Change in Non-Admitted Assets**

| Change in Non-Admitted Assets | 2021 5 | 2020 5 |

**Change in Asset Valuation Reserve**

| Change in Asset Valuation Reserve | 2021 (29,114) | 2020 (42,355) |

**Write Ins - Prior Period Adjustment**

| Write Ins - Prior Period Adjustment | 2021 $129,574 | 2020 $497,822 |

**Net Change in Surplus**

| Net Change in Surplus | 2021 $6,644,693 | 2020 $6,033,051 |

## Important Reminder For Members

The KJT asks members to always check their certificates to note if they have the:

- proper beneficiaries designated
- current mailing address
- current phone number
- current email address

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### Society Challenge Turkey Shoot

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**Shooting Begins at 1:00 pm**

**5-Man Shooting Team**

$15.00 a shooter or $75.00 a Team

(1 Team Member must be a KJT Member)

**Tofel’s Place Ammannsville, Texas**

**Sponsored by KJT Society #129, Schulenburg**

**For More Information or to Register a Team Contact:**

Matthew Prihoda 979-505-0293 or Patrick Prihoda 979-204-8815

(12 gauge or 20 gauge firearms welcome)

Proceeds to benefit Society #129 Events and Charities
Society #119 Presents Check to Queen of Peace

On July 29, 2021 La Marque KJT Society #119 presented a $500 check to the Queen of Peace planning committee for the 70th Anniversary festival held on Sunday August 22, 2021. The celebration began with an International Rosary at 8:00am, Mass at 10:00am, followed by a Catered Reception. This festival was a combination of the Parish Anniversary and a welcoming of the new Auxiliary Bishop, Italo Del'Oro. KJT Society #119 has been a part of this parish for 58 years. It was chartered on January 6, 1963.

Society #121 Presents Check to St. Jerome Catholic Church

Officers and members of St. Jerome KJT Society 121, Katy-Spring Branch, presented a check to Father Rafael Becerra, Pastor of St. Jerome Catholic Church for the proceeds of their bake sale which was held on August 21st & 22nd at St. Jerome. They also made a donation to St. Vincent De Paul food pantry. Pictured from left to right are Sec./Treas. Eleanor Sedlar, Father Rafael Becerra, members Irene and Mary Kay Dittrich, and back row Vice President Ted J. Sedlar. Absent, due to other commitments, was President Patrick Nevlud. Thanks to the Catholic Union Of Texas, the KJT Home Office for the 2021 Matching Grant!

KJT Society #121 Holds Bake Sale and Donates to Food Pantry

Thu, Sep 2, St. Jerome KJT Society 121 presented a check to St. Jerome Vincent De Paul food pantry from the proceeds of their bake sale which was held on August 21/22, 2021 at St Jerome. Pictured from left to right Jack Fisher, Dolores Lame, Eleanor Sedlar Sec./Treas. KJT 121 Katy/Spring Branch, and Fred Herveat. Thanks to the Catholic union Of Texas Home Office for the matching grant for 2021.
Blake Bezdek, member of KJT Society #40, East Bernard; will be attending Lamar University, as he received an athletic scholarship to throw the Shot Put, Discus, Hammer, and Javelin. Blake is a graduate of Anahuac High School and the son of Marty and Cindy Bezdek of Beach City, Texas. He was District and Area Champion for both Shot Put and Discus. He placed 2nd in Region out of 26 in Shot Put, earning him a trip to the state meet in Austin. He also received the Track Team MVP Award for Anahuac High School. Blake plans to earn a degree in Kinesiology. He will pursue coaching and a teaching History at the high school level and pursue a Masters with his career goal of coaching and teaching at the college level. He is the grandson of Eva Hlavinka Batla of Beach City—formerly from East Bernard, the late Milton Batla (formerly from Granger), the late Jerry and Rose Bezdek of Pasadena (formerly form Louise, Texas). Congratulations to Blake on all his accomplishments and his drive to succeed! He has a bright future ahead of him.

Hostyn KJT Honors Youth By Serving Ice Cream

After the weekend Masses of Sept. 4 & 5, the Hostyn KJT honored the Youth of the Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish by serving Blue Bell Ice Cream cups to the youth and their families. Everyone enjoyed the treat and fellowship!

Cancellation of 2021 Victoria County Czech Heritage Festival

Unfortunately, due to increased cases of Covid in the Victoria area and lack of sufficient volunteers to hold the event, the Victoria County Czech Heritage Society has decided to cancel the Victoria County Czech Heritage Festival which was to be held Sunday, September 26, 2021 in Victoria, TX. Plans are to hold it in September 2022.

You were one of our faithful sponsors supporting this 34 Annual Festival. We truly appreciate your sponsorship! Although we stopped all as soon as it was cancelled, we had all the events booked and everything scheduled, printed over 4000 brilliantly colored flyers promoting our festival and have already distributed over 2700 of these. Additionally, had already spent hundreds of dollars in media advertising, all totally, about $2000 invested prior to cancelling. Thankfully our bands, performers and speakers have not charged us due to the covid cancellation.

So, with a cancelled festival, we are contacting you to ask what you would like us to do with your sponsorship money. Some have already said to donate it towards the current expenses for the cancelled festival. As was in their case, we wanted to offer you the opportunity to make that decision.

Therefore, we offer three options for your $100 sponsorship.

- We return the money back to you asap. (Please provide your mailing address)
- We keep the money until next year’s festival and use it along with your Company/Name’s sponsorship in 2022.
- You donate it this year to the “Cancelled Festival”, to help cover current expenses.

Please let me know by email or phone which of the three choices you prefer for your sponsorship money and we will proceed to carry it out.

Joe Janak
361-649-2243
joejanak@nodial.net
KJT Society #119 (La Marque) organized a Join Hands Day project at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in La Marque in preparation for the 70th anniversary celebration of the parish. On Saturday, August 14, 2021 parishioners joined society #119 members to clean the church. Several hours were spent cleaning and it was rewarding to see the church all “spruced up.” It was enjoyable working with other Queen of Peace ministries. Pictures show society #119 Vice President Cindy Quintela and Queen of Peace parishioners working hard.

Appreciation Token Presented

Diane Aschen vice president of Wied KJT Society #43 presented Msgr. John Peters a token of appreciation for priest appreciation day on June 6th.

$500 Check presented to St. Mary’s Picnic Meal

KJT Society #43 presented a $500 donation to St. Mary’s picnic meal. Pictured are Judy Oplea, Msgr. John Peters, picnic chairman Jerome Pesek, and Society #43 Vice President Diane Aschen.
KJT Society #119 (La Marque) participated in the 70th anniversary celebration of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in La Marque on Sunday, August 22, 2021. The celebration started at 10:00 a.m. Mass, with members of various ministries and organizations processing in with their banners. Society #119 President Mike Reznicek and Vice President Cindy Quintela carried our banner. Galveston-Houston Archdiocese Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell’Oro presided at the Mass. After Mass, the Bishop, priests, banner bearers and parishioners went in procession from the church to the parish life center. A lovely reception and luncheon were held. Various parishioners spoke about the history of the parish, which started August 10, 1951. KJT Society #119 has met for many years at Queen of Peace and is proud to call this our home parish.
MEETING MINUTES

KJT Society #134
Felix Leonardi - Secretary
KJT Society #134, Round Rock held a meeting on 8-14-21 at St. William Catholic Church.
Officers in attendance: President Tina Risinger, Vice President Leon Barton, Treasurer Janie Zbranek, and Secretary Felix Leonardi.
Due to the closure of church campus ground (COVID-19), the KJT 134 officers performed KJT annual audit at the Round Rock West Park on Saturday, January 16th, 2021. Thank you to Brandon and Julie Kelso for graciously help us complete the audit.

Winter storm moved into central Texas on Feb 11th, Feb 14th and 15th dumping 8” of snow in Round Rock area. A rally of Polar Vortex continued on the 16th, 17th, and 18th with more snow. This has caused disruption of power, services, and communication in Round Rock, Cedar Park and Austin area. In the midst of winter storm, KJT 134 officers attended SDOR meeting on Feb 9th -11th via zoom.
On Apr-15th, Round Rock area was hit with hailstorm. St. William Education building water damage was extensive. Campus reopening is planned in September. Faith formation and Early Childhood Education are postponed until October. St. William is working toward full campus availability.
May-22nd, 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of Monsignor Louis Pavlicek ordination to the priesthood. To express our gratitude for his many years of dedicated service and his support of the KJT, Janie Zbranek sent a card and a check for $50. Father Louis is grateful to the KJT officers and members for the gift.
Monsignor Louis Pavlicek celebrates 81st birthday on June 13th this year.
Tina Risinger presided the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag at St. William Parish hall. It follows with the blessing of the food by Fr. Louis.
Shirley Pokorney, our State Director, congratulates KJT 134 for level 3 award. Support of scholarship funds is sourced through KJT memorial foundation for the diocese, anniversary and any events. It is time to get KJT in the news again. A convention will be held in College Station on July 15th -17th of 2022. You have to be a “full member” to be a delegate.
Fr. Louis went over how the KJT 134 was started in 1988. Leon and Margaret Barton have been serving and leading the society faithfully for 33 years.
Treasury and Expense report was presented. Janie Zbranek was read - Motion accepted by Pat Pietrasik & Bernadette Moczygemba.
A Merit Cross membership pin from Chris Urban, President of the KJT, was awarded to Leon and Margaret Barton of St. William KJT #134 Round Rock for their many years of loyal and dedicated service to the KJT. The Merit Cross pin was presented by Shirley Pokorney, KJT State Director. (Photo courtesy Janie Zbranek)
Leon’s report on several milestones:
- Les and Gabrielle Miller 50th anniversary. Les receives 75 year membership pin.
- Alvin and Bernadette Moczygemba 50th anniversary on Jun-12th
- Janie and Louis Zbranek 55th anniversary is September 10th.
- Welcoming note by Erin/Karen Motloch. Looking for potential golf mate.

Election of officers will take place at our Nov. 14 meeting at Hostyn at 9 a.m. This meeting will also be our Christmas treat meeting. Come join us.
Meeting was adjourned with Treasurer Brenda Fiet sam leading the closing prayer.
Door prizes were won by Johnnie Polasek and Joyce Muras.

KJT Memorial Foundation
All those enrolled are remembered in daily prayers and monthly Holy Masses.
Express your love and remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and times of illness as well as condolences to a loved one’s family by enrolling them today!

Online Applications For Enrollment In The KJT Memorial Foundation Are Now Available at www.kjtnet.org

For donations of less than $25 an enrollment card is sent to the designated individual and for donations of $25 or more, they will receive a hard-bound book with a beautiful holy picture.
IN MEMORIAM

NOTICES OF JULY & AUGUST 2021

JUNE

Society #68, Weimar
Dorothy Kotrla, 90
Passed Away 12/28/2018

Society #107, Abbott
Edward Muehlstein, Jr., 81
Passed Away 3/22/2021

Society #42, Holman
Jason Shawn Jurica, 41
Passed Away 6/7/2021

Society #141, Georgetown
Rev. Msgr. Louis Wozniak, 94
Passed Away 6/7/2021

Society #115, Victoria
Miguel C. Pena, 71
Passed Away 2/6/2021

Society #46, La Grange
Michael J. Matocha, 21
Passed Away 6/3/2021

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Robert E. Gawlik, 77
Passed Away 1/16/2021

Society #16, Wallis
Herman J. Bilski, Jr., 52
Passed Away 8/7/2017

Society #31, West
Eugene M. Roznos, Sr., 84
6/11/2021
Passed Away

Society #31, West
Eugene M. Roznos, Jr., 59
Passed Away 3/30/2021

Society #31, West
Edward H. Brem, 85
Passed Away 6/24/2021

Society #20, Shiner
Ladislav Kurtz, 82
Passed Away 6/22/2021

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Society #90, Rosenberg
John J. Chovanec, 82
Passed Away 6/22/2021

Society #107, Abbott
Harry G. Nors, 72
Passed Away 6/24/2021

Society #119, La Marque
Jerome G. Kaluza, 90
Passed Away 4/5/2019

Society #35, Ennis
Michael J. Kubelka, 70
Passed Away 7/11/2021

Society #112, Austin
Frank L. Hrachovy, 72
Passed Away 6/17/2021

Society #111, Dallas
Olga E. Patak, 84
Passed Away 5/22/2021

Society #3, Hostyn
Eugene A. Bordovsky, 81
Passed Away 5/19/2021

Society #9, Fayetteville
David L. Kulhanek, 65
Passed Away 5/13/2021

Society #31, West
Mark Kutscherousky, 66
Passed Away 3/27/2021

Society #107, Abbott
Robert E. Mach, 82
Passed Away 7/26/2021

Society #115, Victoria
Kenneth D. Bucek, 69
Passed Away 7/10/2021

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Alfred J. Havelka, 89
Passed Away 7/15/2021

Society #31, West
Ignac J. Hutrya, 86
Passed Away 4/23/2021

Society #28, Granger
William R. Martinka, 92
Passed Away 3/5/2021

Society #54, Fort Worth
Jimmie J. Hanzelka, Jr., 62
Passed Away 5/21/2021

Society #81, Poth
John G. Pokluda, 74
Passed Away 7/19/2021

Society #90, Rosenberg
William W. Pearson, 65
Passed Away 7/29/2021

Society #111, Dallas
Dorothy Jean Adamcik, 81
Passed Away 7/25/2021

Society #111, Dallas
Estelle A. Smith, 95
Passed Away 6/14/2021

Society #87, Jourdanton
Anna L. Mejia, 58
Passed Away 7/30/2021

Society #4, Ammannsville
Felix J. Stavinoha, Sr., 82
Passed Away 6/20/2021

Society #31, West
Rudy Grmela, 83
Passed Away 7/1/2021

Society #35, Ennis
Kenneth L. Vavra, 87
Passed Away 8/3/2021

Society #14, Bryan
Jacob M. Boriskie, 81
Passed Away 7/26/2021

Society #31, West
Rudy Grmela, 83
Passed Away 7/1/2021

The members of the Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT, wish to express their sincere, and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the dearly departed who are listed above.
May their souls rest in peace.
IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen (Buzek) Chovanetz
July 23, 1951 - September 04, 2021

Kathleen (Buzek) Chovanetz, 70, of Hallettsville, joined her heavenly family on Saturday, September 4th, 2021 (on her parent’s 71st wedding anniversary) at Methodist Hospital in Houston TX. She was born July 23, 1951, to Victor and Leona (Gerlich) Buzek in Hallettsville TX. She reunited with & married her high school sweetheart, Mike Chovanetz on October 27, 1990. After spending many years in the insurance business in Houston & Austin working for Great Southern Life Ins. Co and Columbia Universal Life Ins. Co, she moved back to Hallettsville and opened her own agency, serving her clients with loyalty and compassion. She was sales representative of the Catholic Union of Texas, the K.J.T.

Kathleen’s greatest passion was helping & supporting others. She was a promoter of religious vocations & a great supporter of priests. She helped Churches and schools (both Sacred Heart and HISD), sitting on countless committees offering her advice, & taking on many fundraiser projects. She was a great supporter of the Houston Jr Commercial Steer Program and Hallettsville Jr Livestock Show. She was named Citizen of the Year for 2020 by the Chamber of Commerce.

Kathleen adored children & entertaining them. At Easter you could drive by & see a 6ft tall Easter bunny in her back yard along with many children of the community. On Halloween her front & back door was always wide open to everyone, not only for candy but also for hot dogs & refreshments.

Kathleen loved cooking for others, reading the newspaper and entertaining her friends and family in her beautiful home and yard. She cherished her grandson, Konnor, her siblings, nieces, nephews and her 5 cats, Miss Piggy, Callie, Timmy, Patches and Midnight. She cheered for the Astros, Brahmans and Indians. She played Bunco, Tarock & a mean game of 42. She was instrumental in keeping the Texas Domino and Tarock tournaments going in Hallettsville for many years and was a Hall of Fame Inductee into the Texas State Domino Championship in 2008. Her duty to her community was evident by membership in Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Catholic Daughters, KJT Society, Ex Officio Advisor to the Sacred Heart School Advisory Council, Republican Women and numerous other organizations. She spent countless hours helping people with the prescription drug program, as well as medicare supplements.

Kathleen loved working for the Lord and was a force when there was a need! She was her family’s rock, a go to person for many, and will be greatly missed!

Kathleen is survived by: step-son Kevin (Tina) and Grandson Konnor of Fulshear TX; sisters, Betty (Harvey) Woytek, Janie (David) Wolf, Denise (Leslie) Pohl, Melissa (Ben) Leita all of Hallettsville TX and Genevieve (Jamie) Carroll of Victoria TX; brothers, David (Alva) Buzek, Joe (Diane) Buzek all of Hallettsville TX and Gary (Jodi) Buzek of Mansfield TX; brother-in-laws, Fred (Laverne) Chovanetz, James (Rida) Chovanetz of Hallettsville TX, Charles (Julie) Chovanetz of Richmond TX; sister-in-law Natalie (Jimmy) Brandt of Wallis TX and their many children and grandchildren; nieces and nephews, Becky Buzek, Lisa Washington, Jessica Woodring, Megan Grahmann, Allison Davis, Jeremy Buzek, Nick & Michael Pohl, Chelsea & Haley Carroll, Jordan Buzek, Taylor Stevenson, Morgan Hroch, Jason Carroll, Carrie McDonald, Jennifer Rowley, Ryan & Allison Wolf, Aaron Wolf (deceased); great nieces and nephews, Allysa & Dennis Washington, Lilly & Tyler Woodring, Myles & Carson Grahmann, Nolan & Joslyn Davis, Tyson & Taylor Wolf, Ashton & Trident Wolf, Jacob & Logan Wolf, Abby & Dylan Carroll and Grady Pick (with regret she will not meet Case Hroch due on Sept 13th).

Kathleen was preceded in death by: her husband Michael and parents.

The family would like to give a special thanks and appreciation to her many friends & community members who have helped in so many ways during this difficult time. A special thanks for the wonderful care at Lavaca Medical Center and Houston Methodist Hospital.

A Funeral Mass Service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville, TX. The rosary was at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Pallbearers were Chris Chovanetz, Jason & Jeff Chovanetz, Jeremy Buzek, Nick & Michael Pohl, Jordan Buzek, Jason Carroll, Blake Woodring, Justin Grahmann & Steven Davis. Honorary Pallbearers: Konnor Chovanetz and the Thursday Night Wine Group. Officiant: Msgr. John Peters. Burial: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials: Kathleen Chovanetz Special Project/ Education Fund or Donor’s Choice.

Services were under the direction of Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville, Texas.
IN MEMORIAM

Korenek

Clement Louis Korenek, 74, of Garwood, passed away August 28, 2021. He was born on February 27, 1947 in Nada to the late Adolph and Justina Janish Korenek. Clement is a U.S. Army Veteran. He retired from Garwood Rice Dryer in November 2000. Clement was a lector for 57 years at St. Mary’s Catholic Church and was a Eucharistic minister for 44 years. He served on the St. Mary’s School Board, Liturgical Council and Pastoral Council. He participated in adoration and led Bible study with his wife, Grace, for over 10 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Catholic Life, and a member/Sales Representative of KJT.

Clement was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Jeanette Ham and husband Robert and Edna Shimek and husband Lawrence and brothers, Lambert Korenek, Edward Korenek, and Raymond Korenek and wife Ruby.

On Thursday, September 2 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Nada the KC Rosary recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services begin 2 p.m. Friday, September 3 at the church with the Rev. Peter Yéboah-Amanfo officiating and the Rev. Greg Korenek concelebrating. Burial will follow under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251 at St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ronnie Korenek, Bradley Salas, Victor Shimek, Stephen Patek, Mark Drapela and Chris Krpec. Honorary pallbearers will be Dick Korenek, Norbert Kuba, Paul Philips, Ed Lee Schneider, Gus Popp, Albert Leopold, Ervin Buchta and Tony Janish.

Memorial donations in memory of Clement may be made to St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Victoria Diocese Seminarian Education Fund or donor’s choice.

Services were under the direction of Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, Texas.

KJT Society #80

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with an opening prayer and pledge to the flag. Roll call showed President Barbara Hajdik and Treasurer Steven Kutra present, with VP Billie Jean Nichols, Secretary Bernice Stolarski, and Fr. Eric Pitre excused. State Director Michael Reznicek attended the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved as well as the Treasurer’s report. President Barbara Hajdik reported that CCSF mass enrollment cards were sent to Tom Nichols, Gina Kuenstler and Bernice Stolarski since the last meeting. The bill for our KJT #80 website was presented for reimbursement to Steven Kutra. Motion was made and seconded to pay the bill.

No scholarship committee report was made. Building committee report was made by Barbara Hajdik – nothing happening. Steven Kutra made the website report - nothing new.

Under unfinished business, the flag day ceremony was scratched for this year but our society had a mass for living and deceased members and furnished a five green plant with red/white/blue ribbon for the altar. Sate Director Mike Reznicek reported on the State Family Day.

Under new business, the Make a Difference Day will happen before our next meeting. A nominating committee of Fred and Rita Patek and Louis Hajdik were appointed. They are to bring a slate of new officers for the October meeting. Next meeting will be October 26, 2021. The meeting closed with a prayer.
Soc. #112 of Austin had their annual family outing at Dell Diamond in Round Rock on Sunday, August 1. After a heavy downpour, the members and families enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs, prepared by our chef, President Michael Hyzak. This event is always looked forward to each year. The game was delayed an hour due to the rain but those who stayed till the end had a good time. Thanks to everyone who brought snacks, desserts and drinks.

Kolache Baking Class

Austin KJT Soc. #112 and KJZT Soc. #93 sponsored a kolache baking class on Saturday, September 11 at St. Louis Hall. The instructor was Chef Pavla Van Bibber. Pavla is an instructor at Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, specializing in pastry, especially Czech treats. She also teaches this class at Make It Sweet Bake Shop. There was learning with hands on as everyone prepared their own kolaches and was able to take some home.

KJT President Michael Hyzak was instrumental in doing the planning and coordinating for this event. It was very successful and an enjoyable event that about 25 members and
$500 Grant Check Presented

Granger KJT Society #28 officers John Pavelka and Tim Pavelka present the $500 Home Office Covid Grant Check to Father Hilario Guajardo of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Granger.

St. Benedict Society #100 of St. Mary’s Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Caldwell put flags on the graves of veterans at St. Mary’s cemetery in honor of flag day. The Gregory Perry family, Gregory, Jennifer, Cecelia and Luke were the team leaders of the project. The flags will be displayed until after July 4th in honor of the deceased veterans that served our country.

Bartons Presented Merit Pins

KJT State Director Shirley Pokorney presented Leon & Margaret Barton of St. William KJT #134 Round Rock with KJT Merit Pins for their many years of loyal and dedicated service to KJT. This award was presented to them at the Society #134 meeting on August 14, 2021.

Society #46 Holds School Supply Drive

The local KJT Society #46, La Grange held a School Supply Drop Off Drive for Sacred Heart Catholic School in La Grange. Using funds provided to the local Society under the KJT Home Office's Project H Program (which supports Fundraising, Educational and Volunteering events), the Local Society collected various items that will be used throughout the upcoming school year. Along with several boxes of school supplies, the Society also delivered a check representing the monetary donations of our very generous supporters. Above, KJT Society Treasurer Gailynne Zapalac presents a check to Principal LaDonna Voelkel. Pictured above (L-R): KJT Society Secretary Linda Templin, KJT Society Vice President David Wagner, KJT Society Treasurer Gailynne Zapalac, Sacred Heart Catholic School Principal LaDonna Voelkel, Cindy Fletcher and Susan Smith. Thank you to all who donated and supported the Drop Off Drive and we wish Sacred Heart Catholic School a wonderful school year.
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KJT Society #131 Awards Two Scholarships

Society 131 from Manor awarded two scholarships to high school graduates from St Joseph’ parish. The scholarships are for $500 each. They were awarded to Kristal Landaverde, she is graduating from Manor High School, she plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue nursing career; and Kimberly Sanchez who graduated from Manor Early College High School and plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to study electrical engineering. Congratulations to these two young ladies as the begin the next chapter in their lives.

25-Year Membership
August & September 2021

Society #3, Hostyn
Brian Chase Berger
Lauryn Ashley Berger
Andrew David Berger
Elizabeth Ann Berger
Joshua Alan Berger

Society #4, Ammannsville
Magdalene Amanda Parma
Michael Anthony Blascke

Society #14, Bryan
Lauren Nicole Lindemulder
Tyler Patrick Sevcik

Society #40, East Bernard
Cecilia M. Banse
Nicole M. Winstead

Society #43, Wied
Brooke A. Leopold
Paige Winter

Society #40, East Bernard
Cecilia M. Banse
Nicole M. Winstead

Society #54, Fort Worth
Shayne Taylor Hanzelka
Matthew Bonham Lundy
Shannon Michelle Lundy

Society #56, Houston
Blake Robert Kolodejkac
Rev. Hoa X Nguyen

Society #71, Ganado
Jennifer T. Kallus
Rebecca Suzanne Reid
Pamela Kathryn Spacek

Society #79, Hungerford
Steven J. Bilicek

Society #80, Sealy
Iverine E. Konvicka
Leon A. Konvicka

Society #81, Poth
Skylar Dayne Pawelek
Rebekah I. Hosek

Society #90, Rosenberg
Logen Charles Lev

Society #102, San Antonio
Rev. Martin G. Cordero

Society #111, Dallas
Brittany Rene Adamcik
Sackary Andrew Ellard
Judy Hommel
Rachelle Adele Kucera
Jeffrey Joseph Cervenka
Allison Kate Hommel

Society #114, Temple
Jordan Christopher Brenke
Matthew James Brenke
Mary Elaine Hinze

Society #39, Marak
Nicholas Andrew Tepera

Send your cover letter and resume to:

Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
c/o Christopher L. Urban
PO Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945
Missing Members

Please help us find members that no longer have a correct address on file with the KJT. If you have information concerning any of the names listed below, please call the KJT Home Office at 800.245.8182.

Society #121
Ronald M. Farracks
Kenneth R. Lee, Jr.
Charles D. Chambers, Jr.

Society #129
John C. Hrncir
Paul S. Watzlavick

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:00 PM
KJT #80, Sealy Meeting
6:00 PM Officers meeting, 7:00 PM Regular Meeting at ICC Center

Sunday, November 14, 2021
Society #119
Bake sale and raffle at Queen of Peace parish life center. The recipient of our 2021 matching grant will be Kids Unlimited and qualifies for $1,000. Matching Grant Funds from the KJT Home Office.

Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
KJT #63, Meeting
Meeting in Parish Hall

Saturday, December 4, 2021
KJT Christmas Social
Society #3
Hostyn Parish Hall
More information to come at a later date!

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 2:00 PM
KJT #121, Christmas Party/Meeting
St. Jerome Parish Activity Center - KJT#56 & KJZT #114 will join the celebration 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Catered Meal, Door Prizes Need ideas and participation of members. Contact Pat Nvlud @713-703-1648 or Eleanor at 713-4659213

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
KJT #121, Christmas Party/Meeting
St. Jerome Parish Activity Center - KJT#56 & KJZT #114 will join the celebration 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Catered Meal, Door Prizes Need ideas and participation of members. Contact Pat Nvlud @713-703-1648 or Eleanor at 713-4659213

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 2:00 PM
KJT #129
Meeting & Christmas Social @ 2:00 pm at James & Carolyn Prihoda Home

Santa, December 5, 2021, 2:00 PM
#72 Meeting/Christmas Social
Come and enjoy the Christmas party, meeting, visiting, and lunch.